Appointment of consultant by IOC

2115. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation has any plans to appoint a consultant to streamline its production planning process; and

(b) if so, the details of bids received regarding the appointment of a consultant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bids were received from three reputed lead vendors in the area of providing solutions for optimization in hydrocarbon industry as follows:

(i) M/s. Aspentech Inc.

(ii) M/s. Invensys India Pvt. Ltd.

(iii) M/s. Tata Honeywell Limited

Based on the techno-commercial evaluation, the job has been awarded to M/s. Tata Honeywell Limited, Pune.

Commercial viability of new discoveries

2116. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new deposits of oil and gas have been discovered in different parts of the country in the last six months;

(b) if so, the States where these deposits have been discovered;

(c) whether these discoveries are commercially viable; and

(d) if so, what would be their impact on Indian economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Discoveries of crude oil and natural gas have been made in both onland and offshore areas during the last six months.

(b) The discoveries have been made in the States of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan.